

B. & O. COMMUTERS WIN FIRST ROUND

Proposed Increase in Rates Suspended by Interstate Commerce Commission.

ARE GIVEN FOUR MONTHS TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT

Decision Hailed as Victory by Organization Formed to Oppose the Increase.

Commuters using the Metropolitan branch and the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad won a victory before the interstate commerce commission today when that body suspended the proposed increases in commutation rates which were to have become effective next Saturday midnight.

The order suspending the rates allows 120 days for the hearing and investigation as to the reasonableness of the proposed increases.

During that time those living along the lines of the Baltimore and Ohio and using the road as commuters will be given the privilege of appearing before the commission to point out their reasons as to why the rates should be prohibited.

J. C. Gurley, secretary of the Metropolitan Branch Commuters' Association, an organization formed to fight the increase soon after the announcement of its proposal was made, when informed by a Star reporter of the commission's decision, was enthusiastic and said that the work of preparing the case of the commuters would start right away.

Thinks Victory Important.

"I consider the commission's decision quite a victory for us," declared Mr. Gurley.

The case of the Baltimore and Ohio commuters was considered to be different from that of the Pennsylvania railroad proposed to cut out entirely the 180-trip quarterly tickets. The Pennsylvania railroad proposed to cut out the 180-trip quarterly tickets. The Pennsylvania railroad proposed to cut out the 180-trip quarterly tickets.

SENATORS PRAISE LIFE AND DEEDS OF BACON

Eulogize Georgia Statesman, Who Served Long in Upper House of Congress.

Eulogies upon the late Senator Augustus O. Bacon of Georgia, for many years one of the most prominent members of the Senate, were pronounced in the Senate today by statesmen from every section of the country. Those who spoke were Senators Hoke Smith and Hardwick of Georgia, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Senator Stone of Missouri, Senator Nelson of Minnesota, Senator Overman of North Carolina, Senator O'Gorman of New York, Senator Tillman of South Carolina and Senator Callinger of New Hampshire.

Speaking of Senator Bacon, Senator O'Gorman said:

"He was a distinct force in the life of his state and nation. A strong champion of those broad principles and high ideals which he consistently advocated during his long career in public life."

Service in the Senate.

Senator Bacon was elected to the Senate in November, 1894, and served continuously until his death February 14 last. In 1913 he was re-elected to the Senate by popular vote, the first senator to be elected under the constitutional amendment for the direct election of senators.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts said of Senator Bacon: "Senator Bacon died full of years and honors, to use our consecrated phrase."

In war and peace he had tasted of the great emotions which make life worth living. He had lived the life of his time, and he died in service, as he would have wished to die. Think how much that meant to him, how much it means to us. The waiting in helpless illness for the inevitable close of all things earthly, the weary hours of the sick room, the 'set, gray life and apathetic end,' all these were spared to him. It is better to wear out than to be worn out.

..... to hang
"Quit out of fashion, like a rusty nail. In monumental mockery."

"To him, most fortunate, it was given to say, as it is permitted to so few to say when the years have gathered thick in service ranks behind them: 'Blow, wind, come, wreck! At least we'll die with harness on our back!'"

President's Peace Policy Approved.

NEW YORK, December 17.—A resolution approving the president's policy of peace, adopted by the United States House of Representatives today, expressing the hope that Congress will sustain his stand, was adopted by the House yesterday to formulate plans for the expenditure of \$100,000,000 for the cause of peace during the coming year.

PROMOTION IS ORDERED.

Executive Authority for Mrs. S. G. Jones, Waiving Civil Service Rules.

Executive authority has been given for the promotion without civil service examination of Mrs. S. G. Jones, who has been employed in the Indian bureau of the Interior Department for the past four years. She is the widow of Robert Tyler Jones, a grandson of President Tyler, who was born in the White House during the Tyler administration and is said to have been the only male child ever born in the White House.

Mrs. Jones has been employed in the Interior Department in various capacities since May, 1900, and is given a good record for efficiency and faithfulness. She was placed in the classified service under an executive order issued October 9, 1908, and appointed clerk at \$720 per annum. In October, 1910, she was promoted to \$900, and in April, 1914, "in view of the meritorious service which she was rendering," the commission on Indian affairs promoted her to a clerical position at \$1,000 per annum. However, owing to a ruling of the civil service commission that under the provisions of the executive order placing her in the classified service she was ineligible for promotion to said grade without examination, she was, August 16, 1914, reduced to \$900 per annum.

HALF MILE OF PENNIES

RAISED FOR THE BELGIANS

Mrs. Ellis Logan Confident Desired Number of Coins Will Be Raised.

When the contributions to the "mile of pennies" were counted at the bank today it was found that they will complete one-half of the desired distance.

As Mrs. Logan, president of the District Federation of Women's Clubs, has been promised a number of other donations to the fund, and as there are four other states where the same idea is being used to raise funds for the Belgians, she feels confident that Christmas morning she can send the "mile of pennies" as planned to the Queen of Belgium.

In the closing days of the penny station at Ogram's, 13th street and Pennsylvania avenue, the members of the Capitol Hill History Club swelled their pile to the largest club contribution—\$50.50.

Mrs. Eugenia Spier Calvert, from the old Calvert home, visited the penny station on the last day and made her personal contribution of 500 pennies, and her daughter gave 100 bright new pennies. Mrs. Calvert's grandfather was born in Antwerp and her great-grandfather was the original Calvert who immigrated to America and founded this branch of the historic family.

A box of Belgian coins was contributed by Mrs. Anna L. Pearce. The Congress of Mothers brought in a supplementary donation, and the Whitney Avenue Sunday school gave 25 feet of pennies.

DISTRICT OWES \$6,939,150.

Treasurer of U. S. Gives Total Bonded Debt June 30, 1914.

The total bonded debt of the District of Columbia at the close of business June 30, 1914, was \$6,939,150, according to the thirty-seventh annual report of the treasurer of the United States on the sinking fund and funded debt of the District, made public today. Beginning with a total indebtedness of \$22,106,650 July 1, 1875, the report shows that the district has made net reductions to the amount of \$15,167,500, leaving the balance of \$6,939,150. Reductions in the yearly interest charges have been made from \$1,055,750 in 1875 to \$234,394.41 during the past fiscal year. The amount of the funded debt retired during the year was \$21,700.44, reducing the annual interest charge by \$26,312.84.

At the close of the fiscal year 1914 the 10 per cent sinking fund retained from District of Columbia contractors amounted to \$241,596.11, the report shows. This amount was repaid by \$12,220 United States and District of Columbia bonds, costing \$176,673.20, and \$4,322.91 cash. The bonds are being sold on request of the contractors and at their risk.

Since the fact was made known of the intention of the road to increase its commutation rates the commuters along the Metropolitan branch have been marshaling their forces for a long time. Much information on the subject has been collected, and while some of this was being collected, the original petition filed with the interstate commerce commission by the commuters' association in March, 1914, was being given the commission at the time set for the hearing.

The association of commuters not only gathered in data for submission to the commission, but urged town councils and other governing bodies of the towns along the Metropolitan branch to take action and file protests with the commission. The result is that the commission has been besieged with such protests.

It is probable that a date for a hearing will be set within a short time and that the commission will begin its work of investigating into the reasonableness of the proposed increases.

WATERWAYS PROJECTS CUT.

President Told Bill Will Carry Appropriations of \$34,200,000.

The rivers and harbors bill will be reported to the House within a few days, and will carry an appropriation of \$34,200,000 for all existing projects. No new projects are included in the list. Representative Sparkman, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, today told President Wilson that the estimates were \$42,000,000 and that every effort had been made by the committee to bring the appropriations to the limit.

No plans are made in the bill for new projects, it is said. It is not known what the President's attitude to the bill will be. It is already known that he favors the creation of a commission which will consider these things in a comprehensive way and the recommendations of which will be accepted by Congress.

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The General Ideas Held Regarding These Springs Have Been Proven Correct.

The Interior Department of the United States Government has demonstrated, under a report made by Prof. Bertram B. Boltwood of Yale College, that the waters of Hot Springs, Arkansas, are heavily charged with radio-active gas. That the springs of the United States are radio-active to a marked degree, has been demonstrated that the thousands of wonderful cures at this great resort can be attributed to the radio-active waters. Radium, that the radio-active waters of the Arkansas Hot Springs stimulate cell activity, causing the system to throw off waste products. These waters afford almost certain relief from Rheumatism, Gout, Malaria, Leucorrhea, Alaxia (sex stages), Bright's Disease (not too far advanced), Liver or Biliary trouble, Dyspepsia, Skin or Blood diseases, or any ailments of a kindred nature. It must be understood, however, that this desirable place offers attractions for the pleasure-seeker that are second to no resort in America. The spirit of the law, and controlled by the U. S. Government, every consideration is shown to visitors. The charge for this is strictly regulated, the hotel rates are extremely reasonable, accommodations practically unsurpassed, and many attractions are offered. There are splendid tennis courts, a golf course of 18 holes that is one of the finest in the country, base ball fields, mountain drives, dancing and social activities constantly active.

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No. 3 engine company responded to a call about noon today and extinguished a small fire in the house of Mrs. Daisy Turner, 1723 1/2 St. SEaton street northwest. Mrs. Turner's four-month-old child was burned about the face, hands and body and was taken to Children's Hospital.

Cruiser Tennessee Reaches Egypt.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, December 17, via London, 11:48 a.m.—The American cruiser Tennessee, which has been in the eastern Mediterranean for some weeks past, charged with the surveillance of American interests, arrived here today.

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Safety Matches, 3 doz. boxes for.....**10c**
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Gold Bar Cherries.....**25c**
Gold Bar Pineapple.....**25c**
Del Monte Asparagus Tips.....**20c**
Banquet Asparagus Tips.....**20c**
San Leandro Asparagus.....**10c**
Wagner's Pork and Beans.....**4c, 8c, 12c**
Paris Brand Corn.....**12 1/2c**
Country Gentleman Corn.....**10c**
Shoe Peg Corn.....**10c**
Blue Ridge Corn.....**7 1/2c**

Smoked Picnic Shoulders, lb.....14c

Smoked Vienna Sausage, lb.....15c

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Cranberries, per lb.....8c

Malara Grapes, lb.....15c

Grapefruit, 3 for.....10c

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Oranges, dozen.....15c, 20c, 25c

Baldwin Apples, per peck.....25c

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